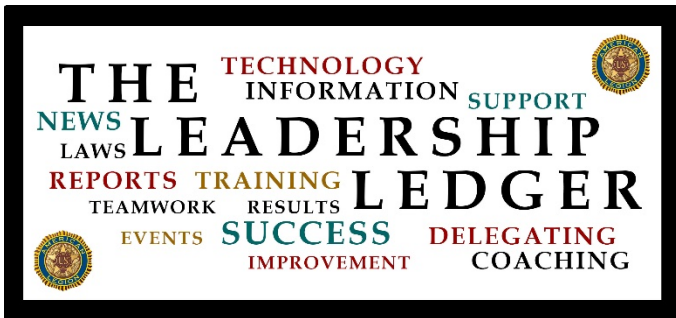




THE LEADERSHIP LEDGER



Welcome to the 44th Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Dept. and Nat'l reports, leadership training events, upcoming conferences/ conventions as well as rules and regulations pertaining to local, state and national laws. The Ledger is available by visiting the Department's website at www.mainelegion.org under "News & Events" or on the home page. If you have any information to be published in The Leadership Ledger, please forward to Department HQ via email at legionme@mainelegion.org.

GOAL TO GROW AWARD FOR THE 2021 MEMBERSHIP YEAR



The Goal to Grow Award for 2021 membership is July 28, 2021. Although collecting dues for the 2022 membership starts July 1, please continue to collect dues for the 2021 membership year in order to obtain your 100% Goal to Grow Award. Plaques will be distributed at the 2022 Annual State Convention.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed

Note: If you haven't submitted your district meetings for 21-22, please do so as soon as possible

2022 MEMBERSHIP CARDS MAILED 6/30/21

Adjutant's Packet are available for **pickup only** at Dept. HQ, 5 Verti Dr., Winslow, Mon. thru Thurs, 9-4. **Please call Dept. HQ at 207-873-3229 to let us know what day you will be picking them up.** **Note: Dept HQ will be closed on Monday, July 5th.**

4th OF JULY HOLIDAY REMINDER

The Department Headquarters Office and Service Office will be closed at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 1 and will remain closed until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 6 for the July 4th Holiday. Please take a moment to give thanks to those veterans who fought and are still fighting for our freedom.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Phoenix, Arizona
August 27 - Sept. 2, 2021

**2021 National Convention
Reservation/Registration/Banquet Form
& Calendar of Events**

2021 Convention Waiver or more
information, please
visit www.legion.org/convention/resources

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NEW MYLEGION.ORG INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION FOR



MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING, GROUP PERMISSIONS & MORE!

Now that the myLegion site is live, all accounts are now MEMBER accounts. This includes Legion and SAL members. The first requirement to access post and squadron data is to create a myLegion member account using the email address on your membership record. The new myLegion Home page will look like the image above. It provides links to your subscriptions, discounts, and resources. MY ACCOUNT provides more information about your own membership. To learn more, please click on the image or title above for information and instructions or the Video Presentation / PowerPoint links below.

[Video Presentation](#) / [PowerPoint](#) / [Q&A](#)



AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MAINE WOMEN VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Invites All Women Veterans to Attend a

Women Veteran's Luncheon

Saturday, August 7, 2021

**Place: William R. Bold, American Legion Post 181
235 Plains Road, Litchfield, Maine**

Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Information tables, refreshments, crafts until Noon. **Please note:** We will be following all of Governor Mill's COVID-19 requirements that will be in place on August 7, 2021. A final update of those requirements will be sent on August 3, 2021 to all who have registered.

Lunch 12:00 Noon ~ Guest Speakers 1:00 PM

Our guest speakers are women veterans who own/operate their own businesses or who work with volunteer veteran's organizations. Come and connect with other women who have served.

Free giveaways!!

Please RSVP by July 26, 2021

To RSVP, please contact Deb Couture at
207-582-3897 (please leave a return phone number
if leaving a message) or email her at:

mewomenvets@gmail.com

This event is planned for All Women Veterans and is at no charge to them. You do not have to be a member of the American Legion to attend. Gluten-free food will be available. **Thank you all.**

MILITARY TRIVIA:

Q: What were the largest battleships ever built & which country owned them?

~ Submitted by Dwayne Hatfield, Mars Hill Post 118

MAINE LEGION COLLEGE CLASS FOR 2021

We are currently currently working on the next Maine Legion College Classes for the 2021 year. As in the past, you have to make a commitment but we know that you will gain much from these classes and from other Legionnaires from all over the State of Maine.

ONLY 8 MORE SPOTS AVAILABLE. This is the schedule we will follow:

Classes start at 8:30 a.m. each day

Phase 1: July 24 & 25

Phase 2: Sept. 18 & 19

To attend these classes, you must first go online at: www.legion.org/alej and complete the Basic Training Course. After completion, please forward a copy of the Certificate to us at State HQ. You may scan the document and send it by email to paul@mainelegion.org along with your **Name, Post No., and Cell Phone No.**

VETERAN'S EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEFAP)

Do you know of a veteran in your community in need of assistance? Someone who during these challenging times just needs a little help to keep them going? Maybe a veteran that is homeless? Or worst of all, a homeless veteran with children? If so, we want to remind you that The American Legion, Department of Maine can assist you to help these veterans during their difficult and troubling times. You can call us at 207-873-3229 Ext. 3 or visit our website: <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/resources/va-resources.php> We will contact you as soon as possible and we hope to enable you to help veterans in need.

MILITARY TRIVIA:

A. The Imperial Japanese Navy commissioned the *Yamato* & the *Musashi*, and they were intended to make Japan the leading battleship power in the world as they were designed with 9 x 18" guns, displacing a whopping 72,000 tons. Both ships were sunk by US Carrier based aircraft delivered torpedoes in the closing months of WWII.



PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

If you are a Past Post Commander of The American Legion, Department of Maine and have not yet paid your annual dues to the Past Commander Club in support of the James V. Day Scholarship, please do so as soon as possible.

Visit the Maine Legion website:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php> and click on the **Past Commanders Club (Fillable)** form under Membership/Post Forms & Manuals. Mail form along with \$2.00 per member to The American Legion, Past Commanders Club, 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, Maine 04901-0727. It is because of you, and the members and officers of your Post that The American Legion, Department of Maine can authorized 2 students to receive a \$500 scholarship each year. Thank you for your support!

MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORTS

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact> provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families and communities.

American Legion Posts can share the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities by **submitting consolidated post reports online**. To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit:

<https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> or

<https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>.

“Liberty is the breath of life to nations.”

~ [George Bernard Shaw](#)

WARRANT TEMPLATE CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



ATTENTION POST & DISTRICT COMMANDERS/ ADJUTANTS

Are you Installing Officers at Your Post or District? The Template for Warrant Certificates is available:

1. [HERE](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php) or follow this link:
<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/formsapplications.php>
(FORMS/APPLICATIONS)
 - a. Scroll to Award/Nomination Forms
 - b. Choose WARRANT TEMPLATE CERTIFICATES
 - c. It is a Fillable Form for All Officer Positions
- OR
2. Call Dept. HQ, 207-873-3229 to have the Fillable Warrants e-mailed to you.



Coins can be purchased Online by visiting www.mainelegion.org or by check/money order in the amount of \$10/coin, plus \$5 S/H. Make check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine and mail to 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901-0727. Please include an additional \$5 for every 5 coins purchased. Coins are also available for free pick-up at \$10 each. All proceeds go towards helping Veterans in the State of Maine, their families and various programs in The American Legion. For questions, please call State HQ at 207-873-3229.

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COMPUTER 101

Computer 101 is a resource aiming to help those who wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers and the Internet has positive outcome across all fronts, both personally and professionally.

Computer Tricks Everyone Should Know

- **Get back that tab you accidentally closed.**
If you want to get back a tab you closed, just press "Control" (or "Command" on Mac), plus "Shift," plus "T," and it will magically reappear.
- **Only screenshot the part of the screen you want.** If you only need to screenshot part of the screen, there's a simple way to do it for both Windows and Macs. For Mac: "Command," plus "Shift," plus "4" brings up the tool. Then you just drag the area you want. For Windows: Just go to "Start" and then "Snipping Tool."
- **Lock your computer in seconds.** On a Windows machine, hit "Windows," plus "L" to lock your computer. This can be fun for pranks. On a Mac click "Command," plus "Option," plus "Eject." (Or "Power" if your computer doesn't have an optical drive.)
- **Easily repeat your last command in Excel:** If you press the F4 button in Excel, it repeats the last command. Here's an example: If you select a cell and highlight it yellow, you can then highlight any other selected cell(s) yellow by pressing F4.

Essential shortcuts:

- ★ **Select All:** Ctrl + A
- ★ **Copy:** Ctrl + C
- ★ **Cut:** Ctrl + X
- ★ **Paste:** Ctrl + V
- ★ **Undo:** Ctrl + Z
- ★ **Redo:** Ctrl + Y
- ★ **Close:** Ctrl + W

For more shortcuts [CLICK HERE](#) or go to:
[43 Essential Windows Keyboard Shortcuts to Help You Navigate a PC \(businessinsider.com\)](#)

~ Business Insider

HOW DO I GET A JOB AFTER MY SERVICE?

What are some challenges for companies wanting to hire veterans? What are some tips and tricks for those who will soon be transitioning out of the military? (Hint: Network, network, network.) How do you translate military experience and way of life to a recruiter in the civilian world? Marine veteran Matt Disher tackles those questions and more on this week's episode of The American Legion Tango Alpha Lima podcast.

[Click Here to Listen to the Episode](#)

~ or ~

[Watch the YouTube Version.](#)

Disher leads Military Recruiting Programs at Cushman & Wakefield, a global commercial real estate services provider. His post-military career has focused on building and leading corporate military recruitment programs, in small and large businesses.

"Part of the reason why I got into this when I came out of the military, as a Marine, blowing things up and shooting guns did not get me hired anywhere," he said.

Disher's programs have earned company accolades such as Military Friendly Top 100 awards multiple times, as well as other government and private enterprise awards.

Also, it is not too late to support the Veterans & Children Foundation through a special podcast challenge this month.

ClearanceJobs, the website that named Tango Alpha Lima [the second-best podcast for veterans and transitioning servicemembers](#), will donate \$1 to the foundation for every subscriber it gets this month.

The Matt Disher episode is one of nearly 60 from [Tango Alpha Lima available for download](#) on iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher or for viewing on YouTube.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or visit The American Legion at:

[The American Legion a U.S. Veterans Association](#)



For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or visit:
<https://www.legion.org/benefits>

FOLKLORE FOR THE SEASON

- ★ Ne'er trust a July sky.
- ★ If ant hills are high in July, the coming winter will be hard.
- ★ As July, so next January.
- ★ No tempest, good July, Lest the corn look ruefully.
- ★ Whatever July and August do not boil, September can not fry.

~ The Farmer's Almanac



For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or visit:
<https://www.legion.org/benefits>

NOTABLE EVENTS IN MILITARY HISTORY THAT HAPPENED IN JULY

- [7/1 Women's Army Corp & Cadet Nurses Corp Established \(1943\)](#)
- [Air Force Nurses Corps Established \(1949\)](#)
- [7/2 US Army Air Corps Established \(1926\)](#)
- [7/4 Independence Day](#)
- [7/27 Korean War Armistice Signed \(1953\)](#)
- [7/28 WWI Began \(1914\)](#)
- [7/30 Navy Women's Reserves \(WAVES\) Established \(1942\)](#)

~ Patriots and Paws



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**The American Legion, Department of Maine
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5 Verti Drive
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**STATE OF MAINE BICENTENNIAL PARADE
AUGUST 21, 2021 ★ AUBURN- LEWISTON**

American Legion Family Parade Application Parade Participant Information

The American Legion, Department of Maine, has already registered to be part of the Maine State Parade on August 21, 2021. The Department would like to have a large contingent of Legionnaires participate in the parade. Currently, we have one POW/MIA float that will be part of the parade and several Posts that have expressed interest in marching. We would like all Posts to part of this great event. It was postponed several times due to COVID-19, but it is definitely happening on August 21, 2021. Please show your support and show the State of Maine our numbers by signing up your Post to participate. Click on:

[American Legion Family Parade Application](#)
to download. Parade information is also available by visiting: www.mainelegion.org under **NEWS & EVENTS**.

You may also contact Dept. 2nd Vice Commander
Al McKay at 380-1582 or e-mail him at:
boppam@yahoo.com

RETAILERS OFFERING MILITARY DISCOUNTS ALL YEAR LONG

US Armed Forces veterans and active-duty members are eligible for discounts at many retailers. A military ID or an online verification saves service members on everything from apparel to tech. For more deals that everyone can take advantage of, check out [our master list of sales](#).

Below are some of the stores that offer military who offer discounts year-round:

Adidas: [20% off at factory outlets and 30% off online](#) with online verification.

Backcountry: [20% discount](#) on select full-price purchases online for military members, veterans, first responders, and more.

Carhartt: [25% military discount](#) on apparel and accessories for verified military, first responder, and nursing community.

Champs Sports: [15% discount](#) on most in-store or online purchases. If shopping online, simply select "Use Military Discount" at checkout to verify your eligibility.

Eddie Bauer: [extra 10% off in-store purchases](#) to all active and former military personnel, veterans, and families of the Armed Forces.

Foot Locker: [15% off most purchases](#) in-store and online. During checkout, click on the "Use Military Discount" link and follow the instructions.

L.L.Bean: [10% discount](#) to anyone with a valid military ID and online verification.

Moosejaw: [20% off full-price purchases](#) for military members.

Nike: [20% discount](#) for active, retired, reservist US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel online and in stores in the US. Verify your eligibility using the form.

Timberland: [20% discount](#) off select styles online and in-store orders for active-duty military, veterans, and families with valid credentials.

Under Armour: [10% off online and in-store](#) for Active Duty, Retirees, Military Spouses, Military Family Members, as well as a 10% discount for First Responders, active Police, Fire, and EMT customers. [Verify yourself here](#) to get the discount online.

~ Business Insider

<https://www.businessinsider.com/military-discounts>